

From what I have heard, Ham Radio again was able to accomplish much despite adversity. However, improvement can be made by allowing more advanced technology than is currently permitted, and improving the ability of people in a disaster area to have said technology ready to use within hours of the worst weather being over. These things obviously include having spare antennas available to erect when permanent ones have been demolished and the ability to power emergency equipment as needed.

The argument over data rates and “wideband” data are a red herring to distract from meaningful results; no intelligent manufacturer of Amateur Radio equipment is going to bring a product to market that is only usable in one country. Rather, they will continue to bring equipment to market that will sell everywhere, with bandwidth that matches in all markets. What needs addressed by the FCC is the ability of hams to develop new modes that have the capability to exceed current limits if conditions allow, and also address the concerns of those that think wideband modes cannot share spectrum with narrow ones.